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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AG
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

24 April 1945

Tel. 841218
Ref. AG/329/100/86/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Ravenna-Faenza Railway.

TO : HQ - Emilia Region

1. The question of re-activation of the rail lines linking the port of Ravenna with line 86 is under review, and in the main will depend primarily on the intention of using the port to any great extent.

2. The matter is being actively pursued with our Movements Division, on whom we rely to establish requests for rail reconstruction based on their requirements in cases of this kind.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

John May
Director

Copy to: Rail Movements Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AG
" " Capt. E.S. Smith, c/o P.D. Tn (Railways) C.M.F. (Ancona)
" " Major A.H. Street, Engineering Branch, Tn Sub-Comm. (Rail)

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

17 April 1945

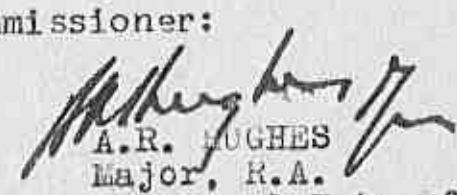
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SUBJECT : Rail Transport.
TO : Transportation Sub=Commission HQ. A.C.



Ravenna=Faenza Railway

1. Attached hereto is a report on the a/m Railway.
2. In the event of the Port of Ravenna being opened this Railway would be invaluable for the onward transmission of goods and commodities arriving at this port by sea.
3. It is therefore requested that consideration be given to the re=activation of this Railway from Ravenna to Granarolo and that your instructions be forwarded to this HQ. as soon as possible.

For the Regional Commissioner:


A.R. HUGHES
Major, R.A.
Regional Tptn. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. 59/RG

Subject:- Ravenna - Faenza Railway Line

To:- R.T.O. Emilia Region

Report of the Railway line between Ravenna and Faenza as submitted by Engr. Costantino Gamba, Chief of the Workshops of Rimini.

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The essential materials have been almost totally lost.

Bridges

There are two bridges to be re-built.

The bridge on the Valtorto Canal at Km. 35.105 - span 5.90 has been destroyed.

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The bridge on Via Cupa Canal Km.36.637 - span 7.80 has also been destroyed.

Russi - Faenza Railway Line

It is not possible to enter this part because the fields are mined.

The Communal roads cannot be used and on the Provincial ones there is the Block Road.

Information from M.R.S. Ancona

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Reconstruction

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1st Lt. Cav.
Movements Section
Transportation Division
HQ Region IX
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16 April 1945

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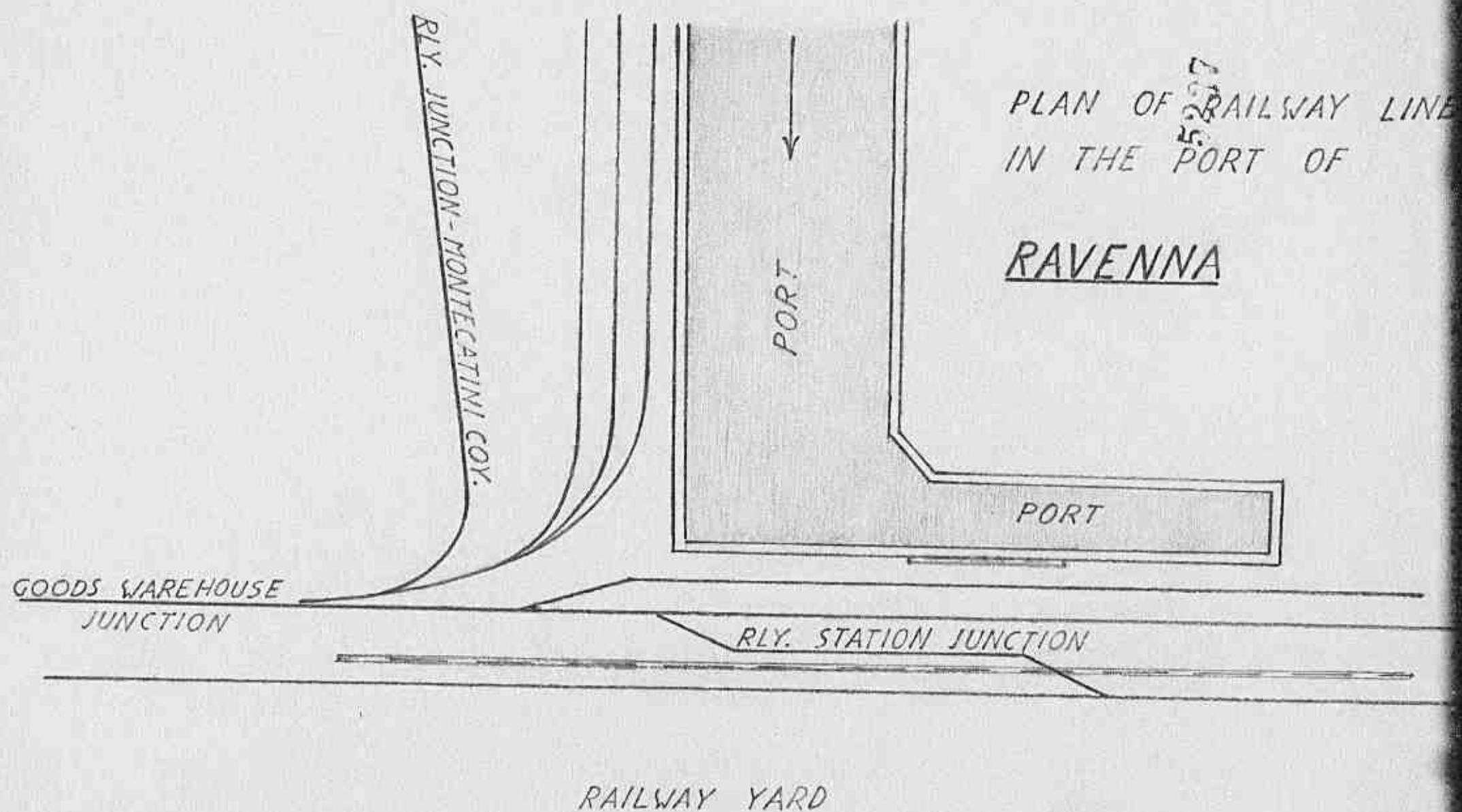
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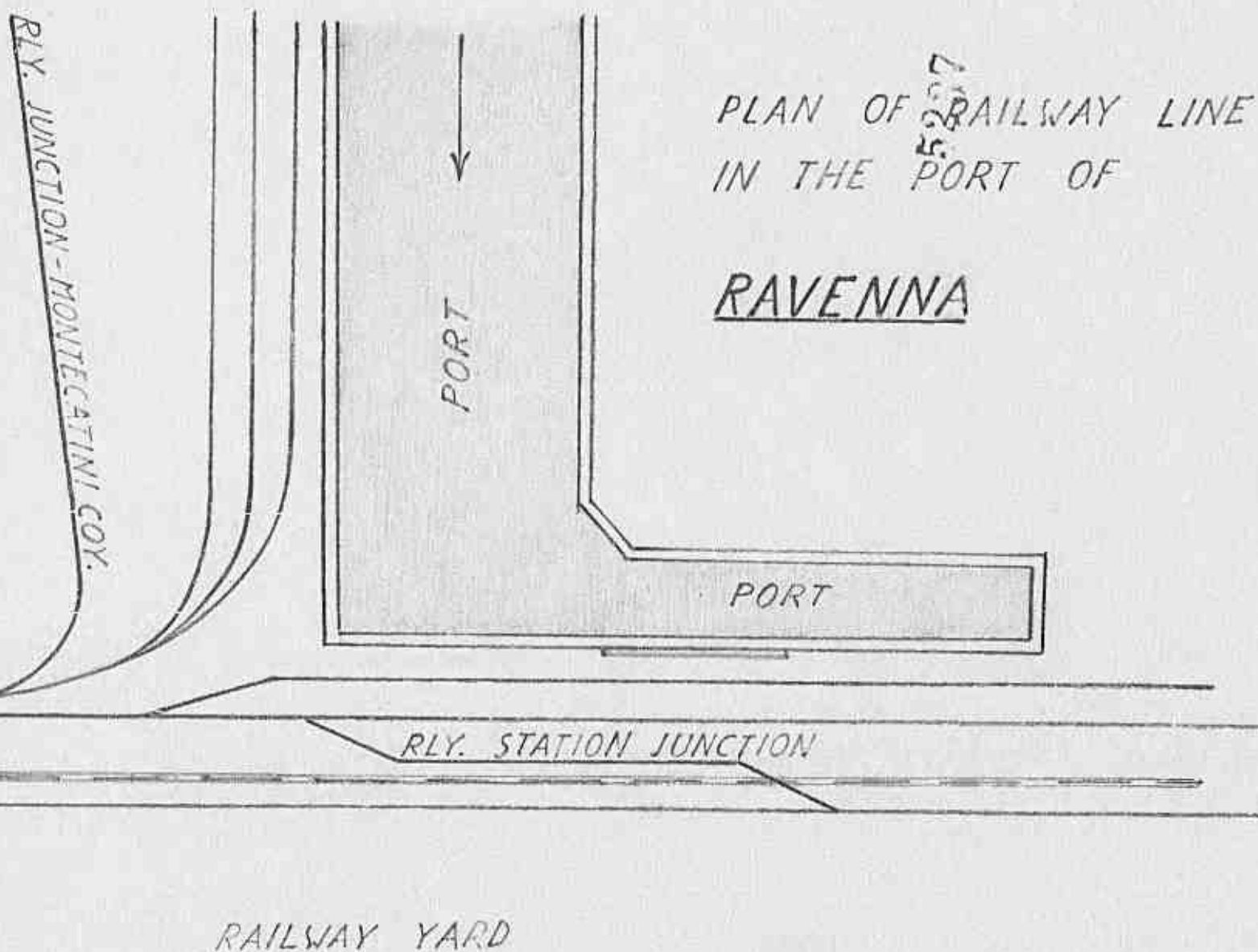
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION A.C.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Tel.: 843236

16 April 1945

Ref.: AC/329/1/Tn 4

SUBJECT: Repairs to Rail Lines linking Port of Ravenna

TO : Rail Movements

1. Reference is to your letter 14 April 45 413/6/Tn 3.
2. It would appear desirable for you to indicate to the Planning Division your requirements in the Ravenna area, and if sufficient priority is given to it, the appropriate representations to MRS can be made through the Construction Sub Committee of the Allied Railway Board.
3. So far as line 214 north to Ferrara is concerned, it is not possible to submit any information as to the prospect of its being made available for traffic at a future date, as a considerable majority of it is still in the hands of the enemy.

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Chief,
Rail Division.

Copy Planning Division.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

14 April 1945

413/5/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Repairs to Rail Lines Linking Port of Ravenna

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Rail Division

1. Reference your AG/329/1/Tn 4 dated 10 April '45.
2. It is noted that Lines 204 and 244 linking Ravenna with Line 80 are being cannabilised for doubling Line 80.
3. As Ravenna is now open to small craft please state whether Line 214 North to Ferrara can be made available for traffic at a future date; in order that there may be some rail link with the port thus possibly relieving Road transport.

C.R. Woolington
M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director
Transportation Sub-Commission

Economic Section

Copy to : Planning Section

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tele : 478704

21 April 1945

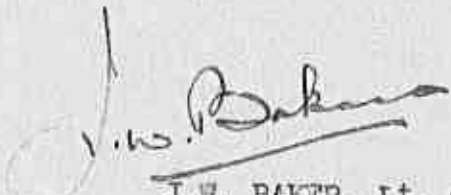
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SUBJECT : Repairs to Rail lines linking Port of Ravenna.

TO : Rail Division (Tn.4) ✓

1. Reference your AG/329/1/Tn.4, dated 16 April '45.
2. Definite enquiries as to extent it is proposed to use the Port of Ravenna are now in hand.
3. Should the shipping programme be sufficient to warrant rail reconstruction priority will be obtained, in order that you can make necessary arrangements with the Construction Sub-Committee.

For Chief Movements Division.


J.W. BAKER, Lt. Col.

Copy to: Planning Staff.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/329/1/Tn 4

10 April 1945

TO : Movements Division (Rail)
Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AC

SUBJECT : Repairs to rail lines linking port of Ravenna.

1. It is understood it is not the intention of MRS to arrange for the repairs of either line 204 or 214 linking Ravenna with line 86, and at the moment such lines are being cannabilised for the doubling of line 86.
2. If you desire either of the lines to be rehabilitated, indication of priority of construction will be needed, in view of the shortage of cement.

A.C. Ping
A.C. PING, Major,

for O.H. LINDBERG
Ident. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Division.

Attn 3-3/2 ACP/ic

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Use of Port of Ravenna

FILE No. AC/ 329/Tn 4

TO : Major Street,
Engineering Division.

29 March 1945

1. In connection with planning for the use of the Port of Ravenna, it is desired to know whether MRS has in hand any project for the linking of the port with line 86, or whether such a project would have to be undertaken by AC.

A.C. Ping
A.C. PING, Major

Transportation Sub-Comm. (Rails)
Tel. 843238

*Military have no interest
and at present canalizing both 2040214
for doubling of line 86 North.
Therefore there is little prospect of these
being repaired.*

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